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Dear Ms. McIntyre:

COMMENTS TO PEOPLE'S MOSS LANDING WATER DESAL PROJECT NOTICE OF PREPARATION

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 5, Development Review, has reviewed the above referenced project and offers the following comments.


1. Caltrans supports local planning efforts that are consistent with State planning priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety. We accomplish this by working with local jurisdictions to achieve a shared vision of how the transportation system should and can accommodate interregional and local travel.
2. To ensure the traffic study in the Draft EIR includes the information needed to analyze the impacts (both cumulative and project-specific) of this effort, it is recommended that the analysis be prepared in accordance with the Department's *"Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies."* An alternative methodology that produces technically comparable results can also be used.
3. Because we are responsible for the safety, operations, and maintenance of the State transportation system, our Level of Service (LOS) standards should be used to determine the significance of the project's impact. We endeavor to maintain a target LOS at the transition between LOS C and LOS D on all State transportation facilities.
4. Our future comments to this, and any subsequent EIR for the project, will stress the importance of using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments Model for traffic analysis, and to include all impacted transportation agencies early and often in the discussions.

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5. The traffic study should include information on existing traffic volumes within the study area, including the State transportation system, and should be based on recent traffic volumes less than two years old. Counts older than two years cannot be used as a baseline. Feel free to contact us for assistance in acquiring the most recent data available.
6. The methodologies used to calculate the LOS should be consistent with the methods in the current version of the Highway Capacity Manual. All LOS calculations should also be included in the Draft EIR as an appendix made available for review.
7. At any time during the environmental review and approval process, Caltrans retains the statutory right to request a formal scoping meeting to resolve any issues of concern. Such formal scoping meeting requests are allowed per the provisions of the California Public Resources Code Section 21083.9 [a] [1].
8. Any work within the State right-of-way will require an encroachment permit issued from Caltrans. Detailed information such as complete drawings, biological and cultural resource findings, hydraulic calculations, environmental reports, traffic study, etc., may need to be submitted as part of the encroachment permit process.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification on items discussed above, please don't hesitate to call me at (805) 542-4751.

Sincerely,



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